

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Peripheral devices connected to a network each include a device management controller capable of deciding which peripheral device is to perform the managing function for all peripheral devices. The selected peripheral device has a device management server that can be enabled to function as a centralized management server. The default URLs of the web servers for the non-selected peripheral devices are set to correspond to the web server for the selected peripheral device. A user accessing any of the peripheral devices is thus routed to the centralized managing device. The peripheral devices can be printers forming a distributed printing system managed by one printer. A system, a method and a computer program product for managing peripheral devices on a network are also disclosed.